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Letter dated 25 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 143.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 24 September 1996 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Yemen

"Radio Dimtsi Hafash has broadcast an interview attributed to the President of Eritrea, Isaias Afwerki, in which it is claimed that Yemeni government authorities have been taking measures contrary to diplomatic usage, namely, that the Yemeni security authorities have been searching the diplomatic bag of the Eritrean Embassy in Yemen.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen wishes to stress that there is no truth whatsoever in the remarks attributed to the President of Eritrea concerning the matter of the diplomatic bag, and that the claims have no basis in fact."